



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re  
Application of: Tanner, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/936,202 Examiner: P. Roberts  
Filed: April 1, 2002 Group: 3731  
For: SURGICAL GUIDE ASSEMBLY AND SEPARATOR FOR USE DURING  
A SURGICAL PROCEDURE  
Attorney Docket #: 23660-00623

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicant's Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.